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Title: **HIGH-TRANSPARENCY LASER-MARKABLE AND
LASER-WELDABLE PLASTIC MATERIALS**
Inventor(s): HÄGER et al.
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Sir:

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For: **LASER-WELDABLE TRANSPARENT,
TRANSLUCENT, OR OPAQUE
PLASTIC MATERIALS THAT ARE
TINTED BY COLORANTS**

Art Unit: 1775

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Information Disclosure Statement

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Submitted herewith is a listing of documents known to Applicant and/or their attorney in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Some of these documents were cited in the Search Report for corresponding international application no. PCT/US05/001687 mailed June 10, 2005. Copies of the listed documents (with the exception of US patent references) are also enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants undersigned attorney submits the following concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language documents cited on the accompanying form:

Reference B1, published German patent application DE 100 54 859, describes a laser-welding method for bonding pigmented thermoplastic parts, e.g., for vehicle parts, machine housings or packaging. The method used one laser-transparent colored part and one laser-absorbing part with the same color. An English language abstract of this reference is enclosed herewith and cited on the accompanying list of references as document C2.

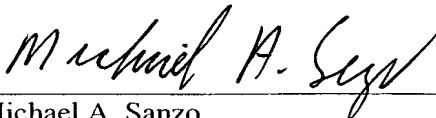
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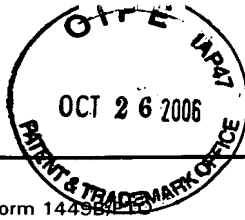
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